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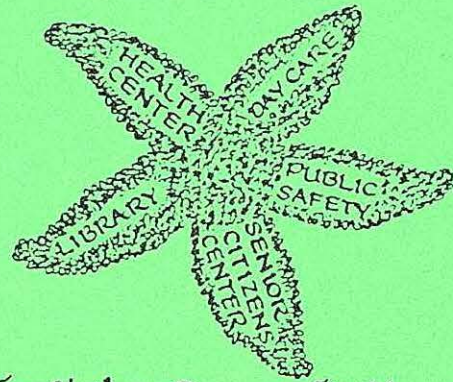
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# Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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STAR OF THE SEA

STUDIO'S

ON SUNDAY MARCH 21st. AT 2.30pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER, OUR THEATRE GROUP OF (TEN ) MAMBERS ARE VERY EXCITED, THANKS TO ALL ALL OF THEM, WE WILL PRESENT "THE LEPRECHAUN SHOEMAKER" (A BIT OF IRISH MAGIC.). COME AND CELEBRATE ST. PATRICKS DAY, ENJOY THE MUSIC, THE WOODLAND SCENERY AND THANKS TO LUCY MORABITO, WE HAVE A SPECIAL LIGHTING EFFECT. COME EARLY TO GET A GOOD SEAT.

OUR DANCERS WILL ALSO PERFORM. REFRESHMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES. DONATIONS ADULT \$2. AND CHILDREN \$1.

THE SPRING RECIAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY JUNE 13th at 7pm. IN GREENWOOD GARDENS. OUR THEME IS "CALENDER GIRL". ST. PATRICKS SHOW WILL BENIFIT THE MAINE CHILDRENSCANCER PROGRAM, PORTLAND.

WE SINCERLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR NONE-PROFIT STUDIO, TO HELP OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILYS PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON THE ISLAND, AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING THE ART OF THEATRE AND DANCE.

THANKS AGAIN, MUSICALLY YOURS  
DOREEN AND CO.

**Friends of Peaks Island Animals • 5 boulder rd. • peaks island • me. • 04108**

766-5606/766-5742

The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at 7 p.m., in the Community Center. All are welcome.

On a walk last month, a couple of our members discovered a deep puddle of antifreeze on upper Central Avenue. Its chemical makeup gives antifreeze a sweet taste that's very appealing to dogs and cats; but antifreeze is a deadly poison to them, causing vomiting, nervousness and coma, and then death. Please be sure that you never leave antifreeze or other poisonous substances where animals (or kids) can ingest them. Keeping pets under control at all times is the surest way to protect them from access to poisons.



## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

At the February general meeting of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, three resolutions were adopted in response to a conversation between PINA President Perry Sutherland and Peaks Island City Councilor George Campbell on possible city actions with respect to the island's deer population. Perry told Councilor Campbell that PINA would not proceed without City Council support, and Councilor Campbell said that he would support what Peaks Island wants. The three resolutions are:

1. PINA asks that the Portland City Council consider the passage of a resolution to reaffirm their commitment to abide by and support the majority opinion of the island community in relation to establishing a comprehensive program to address deer overpopulation on the island.
2. PINA will address problems identified in the deer survey conducted by the city by promoting education toward establishing a deer management program, including inviting a Monhegan Island representative to describe the experience of that island.
3. PINA asks, based on the 54% to 38% support expressed in the deer survey, that the city offer a vote at the time of the next election to determine island residents' opinion of a deer management program such as that of Monhegan Island.

Larry Mead, City Island Administrator, reported that no browntail moth spraying was planned by the city for 1999 because of the small number of nests remaining on the island. He said that additional spraying would not contribute significantly to further elimination of the moths. He also reported that the last regulatory hurdle for construction of the transfer station had been completed and that construction would begin within four weeks. He and Jerry Garman reported that negotiations to acquire a senior housing site are progressing. Construction would not start before the fall of 2000. Jerry also said that a Peaks Island information kiosk has been constructed and will be placed at Welch Street and Island Avenue around May 1st. It is only for the use of nonprofit organizations.

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.



St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
15 Central Avenue  
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

Telephone: 766-2585

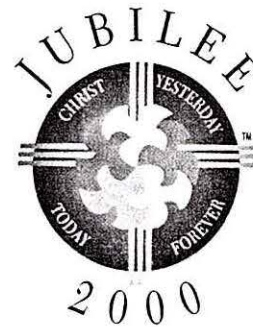
Administrator - Fr. Robert Bouchard

Parish Council: Finance Council - Stu Dye

Alice Boyce

Pastoral Council - Grace Wright

Robbin Clark



Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Weekly Mass - 11:00 a.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

12:00 p.m. Mass (Thursdays)

Lent - Christians in general and especially Roman Catholics see Lent as a Sacred time and space in which we journey to reform ourselves both individually and as a Church. *If Lent is a preparation for Easter, it is important to correctly understand in what way and in what spirit this preparation should take place. Lent calls us to a more attentive Listening to the Word of God, a more constant attention to prayer and the Liturgy or the Mass, and the discipline of fasting and sharing our goods and ourselves! We began our journey in Lent on Ash Wednesday when we were marked with ashes and reminded of our immortality and need for conversion. May our walk with Christ this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for all of us. May we walk towards the Light of Easter with hearts well prepared. Wishing you much peace this Lent, Fr. Bob Bouchard +*

## BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9 Church Street

Rev. Johanne Dame, Minister

766-5013

Worship and Church School each Sunday at 10:00 am, Coffee Hour at 11:10

MARCH MADNESS RETURNS! March 20th - Tag Sale/Crafts/Tables to Rent/Silent Auction/Public Dinner

Palm Sunday

March 28 th 10:00 am

Join us after church for lunch and an Easter Egg Workshop!

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae

April 1 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Whaleback

April 4 6:00 am

Community Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

6:30 am

Worship

10:00 am

## SENIORS NEWS

We Seniors had a super potluck luncheon at our February meeting. Such a variety of food! And we appreciated Gary Gustafson's travel talk on places to go and how to get there.

Our next meeting will be on Mary 8, noon, at Brackett Memorial Friendship Hall. Carolyn Parker will put on a real St. Patrick's meal with all the trimmings. (Irish bread, oh boy!)

Bring a good appetite!

### \*News From the Peaks Island Branch Library\*

129 Island Avenue "in the community building" 766-5540  
Library Hours: Tues: 2-8 Wed: 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12 noon

Sunhats, dark glasses and beach towels on Peaks Island in February? Yes, and popsicles, too. Children and their parents came to a Beach Party last month at the library, where Pat Crowley-Rockwell read stories about summer, helped make sand dollar magnets, and passed out popsicles. Everyone had such a good time that they were talking about "camping out" next time. What do you think? Thank you Pat for another grand story-and-craft time.

Earlier in February, Molly Radis shared her talent for making clay "creatures." Those who came had a fine time and made many artistic creations. Thank you, Molly, for being such a good teacher.

Dog lovers, take note: A video, "Raising Your Dog the New Skete Way," is now available to borrow from the Peaks Island Library. It is a gift, purchased by the Friends of Peaks Island Animals, and includes working with an adult dog as well as puppy training. Thank you to the Friends of Peaks Island Animals.

Also the library has subscriptions to *Scientific American* and the *Utne Reader*, which are gifts from Phil Friedman. Come check them out. Many people do not realize that you may check out magazines.

Adult Book Discussion: In April, fifth graders from Peaks Island School will join us for a discussion of *Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle. Anyone who would like to is welcome to join us.

Weekly Children's Programs: Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays at 10:15  
Lapsit and Toddler Time, Saturdays at 10:00

**FRIENDS OF THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY:** Mark your calendars for an Open House, sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library, on Tuesday, April 13. More details in next month's STAR. Also, a reminder that tote bags are on sale at the library for \$12 - all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. You can also see the tote bags featured on the Peaks Island site of Casco Bay Online, located at <<http://www.cascobay.com/peaks/home.html>>



## Peaks Island Elementary School

The P.T.A. sponsored a swing dance with the Sean Mencher Swing Combo on February 12, 1999. Everyone, especially the children, had a fun time dancing to swing tunes and enjoying refreshments sponsored by the P.T.A.

The fourth grade class will perform a play of *James and the Giant Peach* on Thursday, March 4, 1999 (snow date of March 5, 1999). There will be two performances, one at 1:00pm and the other at 6:45pm, both in the school gym. All are welcome to attend.

During the weeks of March 22 and March 29, the children will participate in a math marathon. The school will donate proceeds to the St. Jude's Research Hospital.

The school is looking for someone to head an after-school computer or science club. We can do one or the other. This is a paid position for a total of forty hours. If you are interested, please contact Carlene Iverson at 766-2528.

We are still looking for reading mentors. Please contact Susan Carlson at 766-2528 if you have at least one-half hour per week to read with a child.

CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
MAINE



### PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

P.O. Box 7 • 71 Herman Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108-0007

Phone: 207-766-2854 • Fax: 207-766-2739

**OUR FAVORITE PLAYDOUGH RECIPE:** Combine 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup salt and 2tsp. cream of tartar in a large saucepan. Gradually stir in 1 cup water mixed with 2 tsp. oil and 1 tsp. food coloring. Cook over medium to high heat. Stirring constantly until a ball forms. Remove from heat and knead until smooth. We usually double this recipe for an extra large batch. It's a favorite here!

**COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP:** A time for infants/toddlers/parents/caregivers to come and enjoy our playspace. Each Wednesday 10:15-11AM, except when there is no Public School. Drop in, no fee..just come and play !

**MARCH 3, 17, 24, 31**

**APRIL 7, 14, 28**

**MAY 5, 12, 19, 26**

We've had some calls wondering who we are exactly and what we do. Our primary mission is to provide comprehensive and developmental child care to families on Peaks Island. Our basic goal is support for the positive growth and development of young children and their families. We provide child care for children between the ages of three through ten (before/after school, full-time during school vacations/summer), both part and full time. Our facility is licensed by the state of Maine as a Child Care Center, with a maximum capacity of thirty children. We operate in an age integrated setting. We have a complex funding base (Federal, State, County, City, United Way, etc.) that allows us to offer a sliding fee scale based on family size/income. It is helpful to know of your child care needs or interest in our center so that we can continue to advocate for this funding. Please talk with us directly..many times we hear that people haven't contacted us because we're "full"..this may not always be the case or circumstances here may have already changed!

We also support families by offering our Community Playgroup; housing the Peaks Island Food Pantry (for anyone!) and working with other Island services/agencies to maximize all our resources.

We'll be sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE this spring and hope you'll visit then! Or give a call.

# Albums of Peaks Island History

in newspaper clippings from the 1940's, '50s & '60s

compiled by Hilda Shute

are at the Peaks Island Library

CASCO BAY GARAGE 54 Commercial Street P.O. Box 7525 Portland, Maine 04112 (207) 761-9591

February 22, 1999



Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

We currently have winter parking spaces available. This winter program offers parking through the month of April. If you are interested please call our office. The waiting list for year round parking spaces is getting longer each month.

We would like to remind you that parking passes are not transferable and passes may be revoked if they are misused. Also, any vehicles not registered and inspected may be towed from the garage.

Please call with any updated information regarding your vehicles or with any questions about your account. Our office is open from 7:30 to 4:30, or you can leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If you wish to discontinue parking, please return the card to the garage booth and we will return your card deposit by mail.

Ruth Demers, [ruthd@maine.rr.com](mailto:ruthd@maine.rr.com)  
Casco Bay Garage

 DEAR STAR PEOPLE,  
I AM A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE ISLAND WHO  
SUFFERS FROM ISLAND WITHDRAWAL WHEN I CAN NOT  
BE THERE. I THINK YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE  
PERFECT REMEDY FOR ME. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND FIVE  
DOLLARS FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PEAKS ISLAND  
STAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO READING ALL THE PEAKS  
NEWS. 

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Wednesday, March 24. Please bring your organization's news, copy ready, to the library.



**March at Peaks Island's Health Center**

26 Sterling Street

PO Box 52

766-2929

**Mercy-Maritime Family Practice:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 - 4:30  
Wednesday, 11:30 to 7:30

Chris Mahoney, nurse practitioner, asks that if anyone has health aids or equipment, such as a cane or a nebulizer, that you are not using and would be willing to give away, please call her. Donated health aids and equipment are kept at the Health Center for lending to people who need them.

And welcome to Kathy Gagne, who is the new receptionist and medical assistant at the center.

**Other Services at the Health Center**

**Dental:** **Hygienist:** Wednesday, March 24; **Dentist:** Friday, March 26. Call Robin at Center for Community Dental Health, 874-1025, for an appointment.

**Podiatrist:** Dr. Dorsey will be here Wednesday, March 24. Call 761-3889 for information or an appointment.

**Dr. DeGrinney** will have island office hours on April 7. Phone the Health Center (2929) for an appointment.

**Acupuncture:** Diana Sainte will see patients on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, March 10 and 24. Phone the Health Center (2929) for an appointment.

**Activities for Health**

**Weight Watchers :** For information, please phone Grace Wright (2635).

**Low-Impact Aerobics :** meets Wednesdays, 11:30 to 12:30, and Fridays, 3:00 to 4:00, in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

**AMERICAN LEGION OUT-POST #142, PEAKS ISLAND, MARCH EVENTS**

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER WITH IRISH BREAD!!!  
SATURDAY, MARCH 13th....5-7 p.m.....\$7.00 per LEPRECHAUN  
ADVANCE TICKET SALE CALL 766-2102 for Information  
IRISH MUSIC, GREEN BEER, COME JOIN US FOR FUN ON ST. PATTY'S DAY!

SUNDAY BRUNCH: MARCH 7th....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
EGGS AND OMELLETTS (made to order), BACON, SAUSAGES, HAM, FISH  
CAKES, S.O.S. (creamed chipped beef), HOMEMADE ROLLS, BISCUITS,  
PASTRIES, BEANS, CHOWDER, FRESH FRUIT AND MUCH MORE!!!!  
\$5.00 per PERSON FOR LOTS OF GREAT FOOD!!!

OUR 1st ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST....SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 5:00 p.m.  
DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR ANNUAL CHOWDER CONTEST THIS YEAR WE  
ARE PRESENTING A CHILI CONTEST!!! MAKE YOUR FAVORITE SECRET  
CHILI RECIPE AND ENTER IT IN A CROCKPOT TO KEEP IT HOT!!!  
ALL JUDGES (TASTERS) PAY \$2.50 TO SELECT THE BEST CHILI!!!!  
1st PRIZE \$50.00.... 2nd and 3rd PRIZES RECEIVE \$25.00 EACH..

COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE, MILK, JUICES, SODA AND ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES AVAILABLE AT THE BAR TO PURCHASE.

OPEN EVERYDAY 3:00 p.m. until CLOSING  
CHILDREN WITH PARENT WELCOME UNTIL 7:30 p.m.  
MEMBER AND GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO OUR LEGION HOME!!!!!!





## **MARCH ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND**

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. If Denise is not available, please leave a message at 874-8793 during regular business hours. If you would like to put a display up in the Community Building, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.

### **• ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS •**

#### **LOW IMPACT AEROBICS (with videos)**

Every Wednesday (11:30 am - 12:30 pm) and Friday (3:00 - 4:00 pm) in the Community Center. Join Chris and Denise for this FUN activity. Get in shape and laugh at the same time! **Please note:** When the Library is closed due to inclement weather, there will be no exercise class.

#### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: MOVIE AND POPCORN**

Wednesday, March 17 1:00 - 3:00 pm - Community Center  
Enjoy a John Wayne/ Maureen O'Hara movie without leaving Peaks Island.

#### **WHERE in the WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN? - SLIDES and TEA**

Wednesday, March 24 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Community Center  
Enjoy some "armchair" travel with slides from Paris, the Swiss Alps, Egypt, Greece and more. You are invited to bring 5 slides to share.

### **• OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS •**

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets on the brown door in the Com. Ctr. Phone registrations begin on March 5. All trips have a small transportation fee. These trips are subject to the weather. Canceled trips may not always be rescheduled.

#### **PORTLAND FLOWER SHOW (light breakfast too)**

Friday, March 12 8:15 am boat/no later than 12:15 pm return  
( Please note: Times may change, depending on weather)  
Cost: \$8.00 Deadline to register is March 10

#### **FALMOUTH SHOPPING: AMES, SHAW'S WAL-MART (lunch too)**

Friday, March 26 10:00 am boat/3:15 pm return

#### **AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES**

Monday, March 29 12:45 pm boat/no later than 4:30 pm return  
Approximate cost: \$7 Times may change once theater schedule is available

### **\*\* SPECIAL FAMILY-ORIENTED ACTIVITY \*\***

#### **SWIMMING at REICHE POOL from 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

(Early Release day)

Wednesday, March 10 12:45 pm boat/ 3:15 pm return

Cost: \$1.00 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pool rules apply (children under 4 feet tall and under 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult in the pool, on a one on one basis). Limited transportation available (small additional charge). We must have a minimum of 14 to do this trip. Deadline to register is March 9.

For more information, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.